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For: METHODS FOR TREATING PAIN BY
ADMINISTERING A NERVE GROWTH
FACTOR ANTAGONIST AND AN OPIOID
ANALGESIC AND COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING THE SAME

Examiner: J. Lockard

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 16, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20060505), for which a response was due on August 16, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 16, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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